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Amendment

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 As follows:

1). (Amended) A filtration device comprising one or more filter layers and one or more openings, said openings having one or more sealing means for establishing a liquid tight seal around each of the one or more openings, said means being molded in place and formed of an elastomeric material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastics, thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers and rubber, natural and synthetic.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2) (Amended) A feed screen for a filter device comprising a screen containing a plurality of openings, said screen having a relatively uniform thickness and a series of two or more ports along at least one of its peripheral edges, at least one of said ports having a molded in place gasket which has a thickness greater than that of the screen and said thickness of said gasket extends from at least one side of said screen.